



Leadership from within

The Department of Hawaiian Home Land's aggressive development schedule to put more native Hawaiians on the land means more homestead communities will be created in the next five years.

These new homestead communities will form their own Homestead Associations and will serve as their governing body on issues facing their community. We have been blessed with solid leadership within our existing homestead associations that can serve as a blueprint going forward.

"The challenge of any new Hawaiian Home Lands community is to organize into a productive, cohesive, independent association that makes life better for its members and its surrounding community," said Micah Kane, Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission. "That is a challenge for all new communities, but the good part is we have great examples to follow."

Kane said the new organizations have the advantage of taking the best, proven initiatives from the present associations. "They can forego the trial and error part and avoid stumbles and missteps many of the existing associations had to go through," he said. "More importantly, we have to be willing to help them, welcome them and mentor these new members into our ohana."



Papakolea - Tutu and me - Circle Time

Our new associations can learn from people like Puni Kekauoha, President of the Papakolea Community Association. The association has a strong core of activities with many designed for our keiki.

They have activities for children aged 0-5, after school programs, and multimedia classes for 12-17 year olds. With activities and programs covering the culture and the arts, education, health and wellness along with elderly services, Papakolea has outstanding examples for everyone.



Papakolea C.O.R.E Leadership Development

The success of Papakolea's efforts is due in a large part to community partners such as the Agenda for Building Community, a consortium of local foundations and financial institutions who provided five years of funding and supported Papakolea's community development strategies.



Waimanalo Community Center

On the Windward Side of Oahu, Paul Richards of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association heads a very active community who just received a \$61,200 grant from the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA)

program to complete Phase 2 of their community center.



Housing and Urban Development, Assistant Secretary, Mike Liu delivers grant to the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association

The grant will be used to purchase and install parking lot lights in the current and extended parking area, purchase and install an electronic security system, construct two stone walls to enhance safety, design a certified kitchen for the facility, and purchase a PowerPoint projector and screen for training.



Micah Kane, chairman ; Lt. Governor Duke Aiona; Michael Liu, HUD assistant secretary; Paul Richards, president of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association; Jo Ann Sang, treasurer of the Waimanalo Hawaiian Homes Association; Anthony "Tony" Sang, senior chairman of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations; and Robin Danner, president and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement.

Uncle Tony Sang is the Chairman of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (SCHHA). In 1987, the SCHHA was established to provide a mechanism through which homesteaders could

effectively voice their mana'o on matters and issues of concern to all homesteaders.

Since 1987 the SCHHA has grown and transitioned itself into a viable statewide homestead community-based organization consisting of 23 organizations representing over 30,000 homesteaders. They provide the perfect venue to learn from each other and exchange ideas.

These are but three outstanding leaders in our native Hawaiian community. As we welcome more communities into our ohana, let us remember we all contribute to a great future, not only for native Hawaiians, but for all of Hawaii.

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Chairman’s message



Aloha Kākou,

*I*n the past few months, we have talked a lot about our plans and projects to provide more lease awards for our beneficiaries. Our lead story in this issue of Ka Nuhou, however, is dedicated to the people in our existing homestead associations and their important role as mentors.

We can build thousands of homes, but if our people are not ready to assume the responsibility of homeownership, those homes will only be the residence for unfulfilled dreams. That is the reason for the informational meetings and the request to fill out the financial forms. We want these dreams to be real.

We can build new homesteads throughout the state, but these new homestead associations that rise from our communities must improve the lives of our homesteaders and the people in the greater community. That is the reason for highlighting our existing homesteads. They are full of great leaders who we can all learn from.



Na Lomilomi o Papakolea



Papakolea Diabetes Fair

We have completed the Kauai Island Plan and will hold an informational meeting on Kauai at the beginning of next year. While we continue to meet the challenge of planning our communities, securing land, and preparing our beneficiaries for homeownership, the next step is to build strong, independent homestead associations. And for that, we need our existing associations to lead the way.

As we move to build more communities, I am asking our existing homestead associations for their kokua. When new associations ask for help or advice, give them the knowledge and experience that made you successful. Hawaiians helping Hawaiians is the cornerstone of our future.

Mālama Pono,



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DHHL logo created by Stacey Leong Mills. The lau and hoku symbolize Papa and Wakea, the two cosmogonic creators of the Hawaiian people. Papa, Earth-Mother, is symbolized by the lau (kalo leaf). Wakea, Sky-Father, is symbolized by the hoku (star).

HCDB grant to assist Maui county issues

*T*he Hawaiian Community Development Board (HCDB) has been awarded a grant to assist low-income lessees finance and build homes in Maui county on Department of Hawaiian Home Land (DHHL) homesteads.

- HCDB helps eligible lessees in several ways:
- ☐ Financial assessment for project and loan eligibility.
 - ☐ Lender selection best meeting lessee’s needs.
 - ☐ Homeownership workshop.
 - ☐ Selecting contractor.
 - ☐ Construction management services.
 - ☐ 2-year follow up period after the home is completed.
 - ☐ \$6,000 direct subsidy.

To be eligible, families must have a DHHL lease and meet low-income criteria based on family size.

1 Person	\$38,000	5 Persons	\$58,650
2 Persons	\$43,450	6 Persons	\$63,000
3 Persons	\$48,900	7 Persons	\$67,350
4 Persons	\$54,300	8 Persons	\$71,700

HCDB is a non-profit board established by Kali Watson, former Chairman of DHHL, to promote community development projects benefiting native Hawaiians including housing



opportunities for homesteaders. Its board members are leaders in the Hawaiian community providing guidance in implementing its objectives. HCDB has engaged individuals familiar with DHHL and OHA housing projects to coordinate its Maui County project.

The HCDB program, funded by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, includes \$6,000 for down payment assistance to the lessee. Participation in the program is on a first-come-first-serve basis and will continue until funding is expended.

HCDB looks forward to working with low-income lessees that would benefit from assistance in building their homes. If interested in this program, please call or write to HCDB for more details:

Hawaiian Community Development Board
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
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Can you see our land cry?

The soul of every Hawaiian breathes with the `aina. When our land is healthy, our soul is strong. When our land is loved, our soul smiles. And when our land weeps, our soul aches.

For too long we have watched the dumping of `opala on our lands. The sight of overturned cars, refrigerators, stoves, couches, construction debris and everyday garbage brings on the rude awakening that the illegal dumping is really happening, and it is on Hawaiian home lands.

Illegal dumping runs contrary to the old adage of “malama the aina.” At times one looks at the heap and wonders “Is this really Hawaiian home lands?” Unfortunately, it is, and we are the ones allowing it, in some cases doing it, and we are the ones who must stop it.

And “We” is not the State of Hawaii, “We” is not the county government, “We” is not the DHHL. “We” is every person that sees the dumping but says nothing.

This is a Hawaiian issue because this is about our land. We are the only ones who can make it pono. Let your soul be strong. Let it smile. Let it live long.

Malama Pono

During the last legislative session, the Legislature passed two new measures:

Act 143 makes it a class C felony offense to knowingly dispose of certain amounts of solid waste (greater than 10



cubic yards) anywhere other than a permitted solid waste management system without the approval of the director of Health. A maximum fine of \$50,000 may be imposed for each separate offense of felony disposal of solid waste.

Act 145 authorizes the distribution of the fines collected to the enforcing agency and awards 50 percent of the fine collected to a person reporting the illegal dumping activity.

In addition to any penalty provided by law, a person who knowingly violates or knowingly consents to the illegal dumping is subject to: criminal penalties of not more than \$25,000 for each separate offense; imprisonment of not more than 30 days for each offense; and by court order, the revocation or suspension of any contractor’s license to operate as a contractor from the Public Utilities Commission.

Steered by Hawaiian culture

In separate telephone interviews with the Mo`ikeha sisters, both Tami Keakakalani and Nickol Kianakanani without collaboration emphasized culture as essential in their lives.

When asked about advice for younger Ka Nuhou readers, older sister Tami said to use your resources. “Remember your culture...It’s your kuleana to pass it on to others--otherwise it’s worthless.”



Tami Keakakalani and Nikol Kianakanani Mo`ikeha

Nickol said that pursuing a path in life or a goal takes belief in oneself. “Find your roots and culture and that will provide you with the encouragement and direction needed.”

That’s pretty heavy and profound statements coming from two young

women. Separated from Hawai`i because of their parents’ divorce, and being raised in Arizona and Idaho may have brought them closer to the Hawaiian culture.

Tami stated she was fortunate to be a four-year recipient of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship (HHCS) program and graduated with a bachelor degree in Psychology and Hawaiian Studies from the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH) in 2003. She took off to sail on the Makali`i and has returned to UHH for graduate work in Marriage and Family Therapy. Tami is again receiving a HHCS and has been recently awarded with a Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship.

Tami still faces two years of studies for her graduate degree and another two years for her counseling license. She said that she wants to open a help center for families on the Big Island.

Nickol, like her sister, returned to Hawai`i when she was 18 to attend UHH. Unlike her sister however, Nickol transferred to the Manoa campus to major in Biology. Currently in her senior year, she intends to attend the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Nickol has not yet decided whether she wants to become a surgeon or go into family practice. She confided that she’s leaning more toward family practice since she does not like the thought of cutting open the keiki. Eventually, Nickol wants to open a practice or work in a hospital on the Big Island.

The Ka Nuhou welcomes these young women home. The mainland’s loss is Hawai`i’s gain.

Commissioner's highlight

Henry Cho

By Sherry Humphrey

When Commissioner Cho was appointed by former Governor Ben Cayetano, he was serving as the Deputy Managing Director under Big Island Mayor Steve Yamashiro (served from Dec. 1992 to March 1999). He took that position after retiring from the State Department of Transportation, Highways Division in 1989.

When I first began working with Henry, he was known as “the mayor of Kona” and had a reputation in his community for getting things done. He brings that philosophy to his work as a Commissioner. Although Henry has a gruff exterior, he is generous of spirit and wants to see the Hawaiian people succeed and prosper under the Hawaiian Homes program. As Henry explained at the Maui community meeting in September 2004, a number of kupuna advised him when he first took office, that he was put on the Commission to help the Hawaiian people. He takes that role very seriously and devotes much of his time to assisting our beneficiaries with a variety of issues and problems.

Henry was also actively involved with the Hawaii Island Judo Association and served as a past President of that organization. He holds a 4th

degree black belt. He is also a past president of the South Kona Aloha Lions Club and a member of the St. Benedict Catholic Church.

Henry (as noted in the Hawaii County Office of Aging “The Silver Bulletin” December 2003 issue) is a Kona coffee pioneer, flower grower and fisherman. He was at one time the largest plumeria producer on the Big Island and is a very successful farmer at a time when agriculture is suffering and failing in Hawaii. Mr. Cho and his family also run “Cho’s Lei Stand” at the Keahole, Kona airport.



Deputy Ben Henderson, Commissioner Henry Cho, and Chairman Micah Kane

When his second term expires in June 2005, this hard working Commissioner will be missed by the people he has served in the West Hawaii area. Mahalo nui Commissioner Cho!

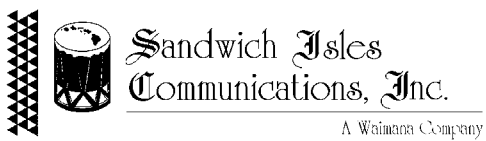
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- Maui – Wednesday, November 10, 2004 – Wailuku Community Center
- Maui – Thursday, November 11, 2004 – Lahainaluna High School
- Lana'i – Friday, November 19, 2004 – Lana'i High School

For more information and to register: please contact the

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